

## PROVINCIAL NEWS

### MANITOBA

Health Minister Dr. George Johnson has announced the appointment of a five-member Manitoba Hospital Commission to administer the Manitoba Hospital Services plan. The chairman is G. L. Pickering, Commissioner of Hospitalization for the province, and the other members are Dr. P. H. T. Thorlakson of Winnipeg; Dr. Patrick Doyle, Ste. Anne; T. W. Pentland of Justice, Manitoba; and W. J. Condo, Vice-President and Comptroller of the University of Manitoba. The Manitoba Hospital Services plan has become the largest utility in the province.

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### ONTARIO

Construction of the South Muskoka Memorial Hospital at Bracebridge will start in August. This 65-bed hospital costing \$1,250,000 will have an emergency ward twice the usual size to accommodate the numerous injuries encountered in that area during the summer vacation period. The year-round population of the district served is 13,500, increasing in summer to 60,000. Fifteen municipalities are contributing \$210,000 to the hospital. Federal and provincial governments are granting \$575,000, with private donations making up the rest.

Dr. Smirle Lawson, retiring Supervisory Coroner of Ontario and Chief Coroner of Metropolitan Toronto, was presented with a framed scroll by Attorney-General Kelso Roberts at a luncheon in his honour. Dr. Lawson has served as coroner for 25 years.

Dr. Isobel Grimshaw has become Toronto's first woman coroner. A Toronto graduate of 1940, Dr. Grimshaw specialized in anesthesia and has also received training in pathology at the Banting Institute.

In 1960, Ontario had the lowest rate of illegitimate births of any province in Canada, a rate of 3.2% of all births. The national rate was 4.3%, British Columbia having the highest provincial rate, 6.7%.

St. John's Convalescent Hospital, Willowdale, operated by the Anglican Sisters of Saint John the Divine, has opened a \$700,000 physical medicine department which includes facilities for occupational therapy and hydrotherapy, and a gymnasium.

In 1960, Ontario had 55 maternal deaths, a rate of 0.35 per 1000 live births. Twelve of these women died following an abortion.

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